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MISCELLANEOUS SITUATION REPORTS

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The document consists of four attachments.

Attachment I, of three pages, is dated 12 September 1951. It discusses the food shortages in CSR. Dissatisfaction of the workers is expressed by lowered morale, poor work, and frequent work stoppages. Peasant resistance to the regime is also discussed.

Attachment II, of nine pages, dated 8 August 1951 is based on information of a former Skoda worker. It discusses workers' morale in the open hearth and coke furnace department of the Skoda works and also the general situation there. Production difficulties due to the disrepair of equipment and the shortage of competent help, is described. The attitude of the workers toward the Communist party is mentioned, as are living and working conditions of the Skoda workers. The reaction of the workers to the Czechoslovak press and to domestic and Radio Free Europe broadcasts are discussed.

Attachment III, 10 pages long, is dated 10 October 1951. It discusses general conditions in northeastern Bohemia. Working conditions in industry, the attitudes of the local farmers, and shortages of consumer goods are discussed. The fourth report of this attachment describes the techniques the Communists use to indoctrinate the people. A case of factory sabotage is mentioned. Another report discusses the reaction of the people to VOA and RFE broadcasts, while one report describes what one person hopes will be the result after the Communist regime is overthrown.

Attachment IV, which has 6 pages, is dated 16 October 1951. It discusses what the Czechoslovak people expect from western propaganda. Suggestions are made for the VOA, and types of propaganda leaflets are recommended. The report mentions the Communist Party's plan for dealing with reactionaries in case of war with the West. Several examples of public opinion are given. Several important persons are mentioned, including General Svoboda who tried to escape to the West, Svermova who was forcibly removed to the USSR, and Gottwald, who has plans for escape in case of revolution.

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